Trafficking in Persons Research - Caribbean Region



Project Title	Trafficking in Persons Research - Caribbean Region	
Project Summary	Help our neighbors - join the fight against human trafficking in the Caribbean!	
Country	United States	

Project Description

Intern(s) will join the analysts from the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons in investigating trafficking trends in the Caribbean region, including Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Haiti, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. They will monitor local media, news coverage, and open source data and compile research to contribute to regional context and office outputs. This will allow for real-time monitoring of trafficking trends as depicted in news media and academic research, including in non-English sources. Source materials from publications elsewhere in Latin America may also be relevant. Intern(s) will be encouraged to explore subareas of trafficking in persons which interest them, including for independent research projects. Additional duties and tasks may be assigned as need arises and when corresponding with intern interest. The intern(s) will become familiar with trafficking in persons literature, the TIP Report, the State Department working culture, and professional writing in a single-issue office with an international focus performing programmatic, research, and diplomatic functions. The primary project output is a regular news briefing, on a schedule determined by mentor and intern. The second primary output is independent research into trafficking trends, based on intern areas of interest (ex. COVID-19's impact on TIP trends; the Venezuela regional migrant crisis). The ideal candidate is organized and responsive; able to work independently and meet deadlines, adept at using academic and professional writing styles; and able to read, process, and synthesize data from a variety of sources, including academic publications and news media. Interest in or familiarity with the Caribbean and with trafficking in persons generally is required. A background in sociology, criminology, justice, political science, government, history, or human rights is helpful but not required. Haitian Creole, French, Dutch, and Spanish speakers will be given preference. If no viable candidate with these skills is available, other applicants will be considered. Please indicate any language skills in your application.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Analytical writing

Editing and proofreading

Political Analysis	
Research	
Writing	

Additional Information

WHAT IS TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS? Trafficking in persons (TIP) is modern-day slavery. TIP involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain or maintain compelled service of one person by another. Trafficking in persons is distinct from human smuggling, and includes both sex trafficking and labor trafficking. Globally, experts estimate there are more than 25 million victims enslaved by their traffickers. WHAT IS THE OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS? The State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP Office) leads a global effort to combat modern slavery through the prosecution of traffickers, the protection of victims, and the prevention of human trafficking through objective analysis, bilateral and multilateral diplomacy, engagement with civil society and the private sector, and targeted foreign assistance. The TIP Office's primary output, the annual Trafficking in Persons Report, is an internationally recognized source for data on government efforts to combat trafficking in persons across 180+countries. Read more about the TIP Office at https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-civilian-security-democracy-and-human-rights/office-to-monitor-and-combat-trafficking-in-persons/

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Haitian Creole	No practical proficiency	Full professional proficiency	Nice to Have
French	No practical proficiency	Full professional proficiency	Nice to Have
Dutch	No practical proficiency	Full professional proficiency	Nice to Have
Spanish	No practical proficiency	Full professional proficiency	Nice to Have